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The flourishing
COUNTY SEAT
OF

Thomas County, Kas.,

Now has
A Population of 1,000
People, and is rapidly growing in population, business and wealth.

The Colby Branch of the U. P. R. R.,

—IS—
COMPLETED INTO COLBY
From Oakley, and regular
Trains Will be at once Put on.

Large

BRICK BUSINESS BUILDINGS,

And many handsome residences are building in the city. As a pleasant place of residence, or a point inness, Colby has few equals and no superior in western Kansas.

Thomas county is as fine an agricultural country as any in the west, and as a field for the establishment of a home, or for investment, offers splendid inducements. To visit Thomas county and Colby means to become interested in their future, and for that reason strangers and investors seek the city.

CAT SUPPLEMENT.

THURSDAY, NOV. 24, 1887.

North Pole Items.

This fine weather is giving the farmers a good chance to prepare for winter, and most of them are improving it.
The hop at Mr. Reed's on Wednesday evening was pretty well attended. Some of the boys failed to take part, for the want of partners.
Charlie and Carry George leave this week to attend school in Reno county, to be gone all winter.
G. W. Mitchell leaves this week for Hamburg, Ia. For just what reasons we are unable to say, but suppose, that as he is opposed to backing, we may see things change when he comes back.

The greatest surprise we have had for many a day was when we heard of the wedding of Mr. Art Tullman and Miss Sallie Starr. Art was one of the jolliest of our North Pole bachelors, and Miss Starr one of the best girls in Thomas county. We congratulate them, and wish them a long and happy voyage through life.
George Simpson went east a few counties after cattle.
We don't know who it was that drove into Mr. Wisdom's fence the night of Ike McNamara's dance, but think it was George Buss. No one was drunk. It was a dark night was all.

Harris Brooks left for a visit to old friends in Illinois lately.
Henry Sayre has left for the mountains.
Clarence Pendarvis baled and shipped his broomcorn, and will shortly go to Colorado in search of a homestead.
The Hillsdale literary is still flourishing. Smith Wood generally keeps his opponents on the debate from "getting a smell."
C. Will Nelson and Henry Henderson failed to slay many antelope on the Smoky.

HAWKEYE DICK.

Crystal Springs, Colo.
Crystal springs is located about 40 miles west of Burlington, Colorado. Fine lands and good water. Hugo is the postoffice at present, but a petition is out for an office here. S. S. Strode is the locator for this section. Ezra Lyon keeps hotel and livery stable. B. Robinson keeps groceries, drugs and feed. C. H. Lyon will winter in Nebraska. Mr. Stark, of Thomas county, is expected soon with his family. Also Mr. Herring, of Quickville. Weather fine. This part is filling up rapidly. More occasionally. H. B.

District No. 18.

Everybody lively in this part of the country. Beautiful weather at present.
Mr. Seth Parks and Life Brown have returned from the railroad. They say they have got enough railroading.
C. M. Little is teaching singing at the North Solomon school house.
Messrs. Wm. and Charlie Mallory have gone back to Nebraska on a visit.
Mr. Jeff Shafer has his new house completed. Mr. Sike has gone back to Nebraska after a load of potatoes.
Mr. Riley and Walter Parks the boss well diggers, have just completed a well for Mr. Pike, the postmaster.
Mr. Ellis Adamson has sold his homestead, and is thinking of going to Dakota for his health. Mr. Adamson is a good neighbor, and we are sorry he is going away, and everyone joins in wishing him good luck on his journey. SMOO FLY.

District 42.

As I have not seen anything in your valuable paper from these parts, and being a reader of the CAT and at leisure, I will write a few lines to let the people of the surrounding country know that this is not an uninhabited part of Thomas county.
Our school is in progress with Miss Eva Davis as teacher.
Mr. Joe Barlow is our road overseer, and has the roads in good condition.
Charles Breckenridge proved up on his claim last week.
Mr. J. V. Davis is building a commodious sod house. He has it almost completed.
Mr. E. J. Taylor, on section 30, is putting the finishing touches on his new home, and by the way he is fixing things. It don't look as though he was going to hach much longer.
Messrs. Alonzo and Lewis Stewart are at Colby, visiting their parents.
Frank Barlow goes west once a week.
Mr. Robert Norman is drawing & design for his sod house, which he intends to build this fall.
W. L. Barlow is baching on his claim. Why don't some of the girls take pity on him?
Sabbath school every Sunday at 2 o'clock at the school house on section 27.
Preaching next Sabbath at 3 o'clock by Rev. T. J. H. Taggart, of Oakley.
If this don't find its way to the waste basket you will hear from me again in the near future. NIX.

Quickville.

I don't see any communication from Quickville of late. This is a very busy time, no one has leisure to write. I have not been looking up items for the Tom CAT, but some things in the way of business come under our observation.
For instance, I was over to Quickville, and I find a young man there in the grocery business from my own neighborhood in Illinois—a fine young man, I think, and seems to be square and doing a good business. I soon found out his ideas on the mercantile business and if he follows out that line he will win. I have in my mind now two firms in business that count their capital by the hundred thousands. They started some eighteen years ago on a few hundred dollars. Both of these firms had one idea in their business, that was: first to be straight dealing, square and alike to all. Secondly, doing the very best for all customers, buying low and selling low, making a little on everything they handled. Thirdly, the appearance of liberality. That is the best thing to learn in the business, and nothing pays so well. Now we speak for our townsman a liberal patronage.
The next thing is, winter is holding off, giving the people a good chance to get their winter quarters fixed both for themselves and their stock.
There is a vast amount of building and fixing.
One thing we lack—that is coal. We have been waiting on Colby, but it is a starvation look, or rather a freeze-out look. In place of getting a car now and then, could they not get fifty? Coal can surely be had if they try. We can't see what this country will do if we get coal. Colby could sell one hundred tons where they sell one if they would keep it all the time and sell at a living price. It is to be hoped that Colby will obtain this trade and hold it by fair means.
The Methodists have had meetings most of the time for two weeks. They had a good mee log. It was a success in the name of our King. A class was organized of about twenty. No revival spirit manifest, but deeply felt by many. The membership much confirmed and sent on their way rejoicing that their names are written in heaven. I would not give one cent per bushel for Methodists that can't say, "I have salvation, now I am redeemed." More anon. D. B.

Annals of a Quiet Neighborhood.

It is a difficult task to record exciting news from a neighborhood where nobody gambles, gets drunk, or commits suicide. Nevertheless we can tell you—

That the Rev. Kinley, of the M. E. Church, preached at the school house on last Sunday, and at G. M. McLaughlin's at night, and has promised to come again in two weeks.

That Bachelor Conant has proved up on his claim in 22.

That Mr. Albright, of Red Top, claims to have raised 93 bushels of potatoes.

That G. C. Thompson and family lately visited in Rawlins county.

That J. W. Jones has gone to Red Willow county, Nebraska, on business.

That William Beauchamp, of Huntington county, Indiana, has taken a homestead and will occupy it shortly.

That Mrs. Ella Cochran is teaching an excellent school in district 62.

That Henry Brown, of Hastings, furnishes good beef to his neighborhood for 7 and 8 cts. per pound.

Mrs. Julia Towns, of Harrison county, Mo., in company with her brother, J. F. Price, and family, of Illinois, Rawlins county, lately visited her cousins, Mrs. Henry Brown, of Hastings, and Mrs. W. A. Pratt, of section 30.

While at the home of the latter they all spent a delightful day with W. C. Wellborn and wife who were old friends and neighbors in Mo.

On the evening of Nov. 15th the friends and neighbors of W. C. Wellborn gave them a complete surprise, it being the tenth anniversary of their marriage. About 15 couples were present. The supper was furnished by the ladies, and the evening passed pleasantly with feasting, music and conversation. Many useful presents of tin were given them. If any one fears that there is a scarcity of food in Thomas county, let him come to 7-38 and take supper with one of our good cooks.

PERKINS.

Services last Sunday were well attended.

Mr. Mitchell will preach again on Sunday, the 20th, after which he will hold a series of meetings.

One of Mr. Thompson's children is very sick.

Mr. Buck's team ran away last Sunday with his wife, daughter and two little boys.

Mrs. Buck sustained serious injuries and is very sick at present.

There are several newcomers in this neighborhood: Mr. Sigman, on the northwest of 20; Mr. McCullough, on Mr. Wiggins' old claim.

Mr. Potts has sold his claim on 4. W. did not learn the name. Mr. Ganyard has rented his place to Mr. Brogan, who moved in last week.

Mr. Wallace has taken the northeast quarter of 30. Mr. Lindreth has put his papers on Mr. Black's claim, on 32.

Mr. Howe has been to Nebraska and returned with trees and seeds.

DEL.

We now have a postoffice established here called Gilmore, G. F. Smith, postmaster.

Mr. Hermer and Mr. Knauss will start for Hastings, Neb., the 21st.

Messrs. Parich and Hamilton have returned from Sherman county, where they have been breaking on timber claims.

Quite a number of our republican voters were away election day.

Mr. Knoose now has the nicest sod house and stable around here, all under one roof and plastered throughout.

W. I. Jones and Mr. Hushberger were in our neighborhood Sunday.

H. W. Howe is again working in Colby. Mrs. Howe has five acres of trees and seeds planted on her timber claim, and will plant five more this week.

Mr. Castor is again following his trade. He began work in Colby Monday.

Mr. Smith's horse that was so badly injured, is getting better.

Mr. Parich will soon have a new windmill up.

Mrs. Buck is some better.

McKinney is bedfast with rheumatism.

S. E. Coulter will put down a well for Mr. Smith this week.

Mrs. Thompson's twins died last Wednesday and Tuesday with membranous croup.

The funeral was on Friday, at 2 p. m., Mr. Mitchell officiating.

Miss Thompson is quite sick with erysipelas.

Mr. Heft, who bought Mr. Potts' claim, has built a new house and will shortly return to Nebraska for his bride.

Mr. Sherry has sold his timber claim.

DEL.

Quickville Items.

Times are lively.

Everybody is getting ready for the blizzards that are to come.

Rev. Kinley is holding a revival at this place and we hope to see much good done and many souls saved. Preaching every evening at 7 o'clock.

John Dolan is out in Sherman county this week, working on his tree claim.

Charles Kramer spent Monday at Colby.

Alice Hutchinson Sundayed at home Oct. 30th.

Pete Baumaker is working for Mr. Mills.

Charlie and Maggie Clark have returned from Nebraska.

T. H. Hagan has traded his claim to Mr. Murphy.

Con McGreevy spent Sunday in Sherman county.

If these few items find their way into your valuable paper, I may come again. With best wishes for the future prosperity of the CAT, I will subscribe. X. Y. Z.

North Solomon.

Not having seen any items from this district lately, we venture a few, and I, not consigned to the waste basket we may come again.

Building sheds and plastering houses is the order of the day.

Mr. L. Thomas has moved into his new house.

Mr. A. Harris has his stable completed.

Mr. R. Brown says that he will be ready for a blizzard as soon as the cow shed is finished, which J. W. Steel is helping to push toward completion.

Mr. Reed is boarding ten of the railroad hands who are at work now on the depot, which is 42x20 feet. The company also have a set of hands putting in the stock yards, all of which is located on section 27-4-32.

Mr. McCormick, of Colby, has a black spot in our district, he having bought and broken an entire quarter of railroad land.

Mr. H. Joutch has also 12 acres broke on the same section, and established a residence on the same.

The interest in our school is well maintained. The average attendance up to date is 51-7-8.

Chas. Dedrick is teaching a very interesting school, having 29 scholars enrolled, but the average attendance is not as good as it should be.

Mr. Latell is training the ideas in vocal music.

Wm. Harbor had the misfortune some time ago to lose one of his mules, and it was proposed by some of the neighbors, and word sent Harbor that if he would furnish dinner, they would volunteer a day's breaking. The day was set, and 9 teams came, and so did the dinner.

Forgive us, Mr. CAT, for being so lengthy, but perhaps as election is over, you may find room. So hoping that you and I may be so lucky as to have an invitation to pick the bones of a Thanksgiving goblet, I remain, Yours, NIX.

Waxford.

Seeing your call for correspondents from all neighborhoods, I will try and send a few items.

We are having splendid weather after our small snowstorm. Everyone near here is making preparations for winter.

The Fairview Sunday school closed last Sabbath with a good attendance, and about five dollars in the treasury to commence on next spring.

The singing class met at David White's last Wednesday evening, and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening, about thirty being present.

Miss Mel Harper has been so disabled by boils as to require a substitute in the school room for two days.

Arthur Fuchett is constructing a new barn 12x22 feet, which is what everyone who has not shelter for their stock should do.

Arthur F. Rexford is just finishing a new house 24x12, which will be very cozy and nice when finished.

One of May Rexford's scholars, Athenus Asa, who had his leg broken by being thrown from her pony, is not improving as rapidly as could be wished for. He is such a restless little fellow he has attempted to walk and re-broke it once, and had it displaced again. Dr. Lutgen is attending physician.

Mr. Frank Fitzsimon, a cousin of Geo. and Ralph, is sitting them and looking for a location.

Mr. Boyer's brother Charlie is now helping him hold down his claim, and the way he gazes at Miss Ida Puckett when she and the school-ma'am goes by, shows he appreciates our Thomas county girls.

Mr. Ira Thompson and his son Clyde made music for the young people of Gem to trip the light fantastic toe after, Monday eve.

Nebraska seems to have charms for our boys of this neighborhood, their being John Mel Kay, Messrs. James, Dick, and Robert Harper, Ira and Eddie Puckett, and Torrence and Eddie Patterson sojourning there at present.

If this finds room in your paper, will try again. FINE FLY.

Shave, Sir? Hair cut? Joe Lamont is prepared to do the finest tonsorial work in the west. Three men in shop.

F. C. Finnerty has plenty of money to loan on chattels and second mortgages.

Flour at 90 cents per sack at M Donelan's.

What has become of the Chautauquan Circle?

Our gent's \$3 calf button shoe is a standard.

Ladies, your attention is called to the fact that Kaub & Smith have a fine line of goat, American and French Kid button and lace shoes, from \$1.75 to \$4.50 per pair. Astonishingly low prices.

Just received two car loads celebrated Russell Mills flour at M. Donelan's.

Try a sack of 90 cent Flour. For sale at M. Donelan's Pioneer store.

Another big invoice of nickel clocks on the road to the Palace Drug Store.

Provide yourself with the Harden Fire Grenade. Sold by Palace Drug Store.

Have you noticed the fine display of Luster Line Dishes in M. Donelan's? Call in and price them.

There is enough Dalmation insect powder at the Palace Drug Store to kill all the fleas in Thomas county.

The Harden Fire extinguisher can be easily handled, and is an assured success in putting out fire. For sale at the Palace Drug Store.

We are receiving new invoice of goods daily, and we wish it thoroughly understood that we are not running SECOND IN THE RACE OF LOW PRICES.—HORS SHOE CROCCERY.

On the 23d day of August, 1887, I gave my promissory note for \$6.50 to the Topeka Insurance company. Now, whereas, said note was obtained from me by fraud I hereby give due notice that I will not pay any part of said note, and all persons whomsoever are warned from purchasing the same. ED. F. KOVAR.

37 Nov 25-Dec 9.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

Winds, tornadoes, cyclones. Insure, insure, insure. Safety, security, peace.

MCGONIGAL & SON,

W. G. KING, Mgr.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership formerly existing between R. L. Riddle, L. L. French and others, under the name and style of Thomas County Land and Loan company, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, R. L. Riddle withdrawing from the same. The affairs of the co-partnership are, by agreement, left in the hands of L. L. French for settlement and liquidation.

Dated Nov. 7, 1887.

L. L. FRENCH,

R. L. RIDDLE.

ONE HUNDRED

First-class empty gasoline barrels at low figures at the Palace Drug Store.

STRAYED.

Two red steer calves, each with white spot on right hip, 1 dark brindle heifer calf, and 1 dark red heifer calf.

MADISON BRAT, Colby, Kan.

STRAYED.

From the residence of Mr. Wigland, 7 miles east of Hawkeye, 1 sorrel horse colt, about 6 months old, with star in forehead. Finder bring same or send word to the undersigned at section 10, Town 8, Range 41, in Sherman county.

GUST DUKILL.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.

Three hundred sheep. Inquire of Frank Pingree, Colby, Kas.

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